GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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Ease of Living Index
Singh Shri Hukum

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank Group has brought out an ease of living index that rank cities globally and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is criticism regarding the World Bank Doing Business Report this year ranking India a lowly 130th position despite several reforms being carried out by the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) to (d) India ranks 130th in the World Bank's annual Doing Business Report (DBR) 2017 as against 131st rank (Revised) in the Doing Business Report 2016. The World Bank's annual Doing Business Report (DBR) 2017 is based on the Global Best practice on 10 (ten) specified indicators namely starting a business, dealing with construction permits, getting electricity, registering property, getting credit, protecting minority investors, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts, and resolving insolvency.
Government has urged the Ministries/Departments to analyse the World Bank's latest report on Ease of Doing Business. Ministries/Departments concerned have been provided with the next set of reforms and have been asked to identify additional areas related to the Ministry/Department where reforms and corrective measures need to be taken to ensure time bound and effective implementation of reforms.